Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

The greatest acts of courage require both mental poise and physical bravery. On the evening of Wednesday, May 20, 1987, two Arlington, South Dakota, high school students showed such courage in the rescue of two women.

A driver lost control of the car splashing into a lake. Two women got out of the car before it sank further into the water. Neither woman could swim. Arlington High School student Travis Steffensen was one of the first on the scene. Quickly, he determined there were people needing help and, with no regard for his own personal safety, jumped into the lake with fellow student, Darren Larsen in hopes of averting a tragedy and saving lives.

Their efforts paid off when the young men reached the women as the car sank from view and got them safely to shore. Quick wits and fast action were the keys to Travis' successful mission. True courage was shown on the lake that evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

TRAVIS STEFFENSEN

and join his family, friends and neighbors in saluting him for his selfless courage and valor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of September, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE